

**Notes from meeting of the
Hampden Park Neighbourhood Panel
16 November 2010**

ACTION

Attending:

John & Pam Rollison of Neighbourhood Watch, M. Turner of Age Concern, Hampden Park Cllrs. Mary Pooley & Olive Woodhall, C. Banks & E. Jordan of Community Enforcement, Alison Alpine - Local Partnership for Children, Alison Murray, Nicholas Neal & Katie Davies from Tesco, C. Handford, Libraries ESCC, residents: Mo McCann & H. Tunstall, Pat Hearn, Lyn de Swarte & Cathy Gibb, W. Pratt of Eastbourne Academy, Fr. Robin Tree of St. Mary's & St. Peter's, Caroline Ansell Conservative Action Team, Sam Chapman from Paperlane, Sussex Police: Lee Osborne, Brett Williams, Sue Robinson, Fiona Munro. Hilary Hanna of EBC, Carol Humphris of Southern Railway, Keith Fillery Deputy Chair, Sandy Boyce-Sharpe, Chairman.

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed all present, particularly guests and visitors and the team from our new Tesco Store, but was disappointed to have to advise the meeting that for a second time, representatives from Marcus King, Property Managers had sent their apologies. The Chairman will pursue this and endeavour to make a new arrangement to discuss the state of repair on property that they manage, namely the parade of shops on Brassey Avenue.

Thanks were offered to Caroline Ansell who had volunteered to take notes of the meeting. Grateful thanks were offered to Carol Humphris of Southern who was being transferred to Brighton, best wishes offered for her new post and praise for her work at building a working relationship between the panel and Southern.

2. Apologies:

Denise Hamilton-Harris British Transport Police, Ellie Reilley of Network Rail, Cllr Thompson, Roy Satham, Jane Greenstock, Angie Hubbard, Fiona Ras, Angela Kirby.

3. Matters arising not itemised on the Agenda:

Result of Parking Survey meeting 27th October

The Chairman gave an overview of the power point presentation that had been given by the County Council consultants and expressed. It was disappointing that only 106 residents and 11 businesses from the whole of the Hampden Park area had responded to the consultation. This low level response suggested to the County Council that parking is not the issue that the Panel members know it to be. At the meeting the Chairman sought to reaffirm this to Cllr Lock.

The general consensus of comments submitted to the survey was that inconsiderate parking was in general the fault of commuters, shoppers and visitors to the Health Centre. Problem areas identified as Rosebery Ave, Elm Grove, Glynde Ave, Brodrick Road and Firwood Close (the latter being due to inconsiderate 'parent' parking at school times).

It was accepted that parking for village centre shoppers might be alleviated by courtesy at the new Tesco store and commuter parking may be likewise addressed as a result of ongoing discussions with Network Rail re. the provision of chargeable commuter parking on their land. However, this isn't imminent and a Business Case still needs to be proven in this regard.

His meetings with this Panel had emphasized to Cllr Lock and his team the problems perceived in Hampden Park which resulted in the conclusion that the recommendations include:

- a review of yellow lines;
- an increase in and enforcement of time limited parking;
- instigation of loading and disabled bays;
- the introduction of zoned residents-only parking;
- liaison between ESCC & employers re. staff parking;
- liaison between ESCC & David Lloyd re the use of Roseberry Avenue by their visitors;
- the need to survey individual roads to address road-specific parking issues.

Suggestions made from the floor at the meeting included: empty shops could be demolished to create a car park (Cllr Lock advised this would be a matter for EBC not ESCC); parking meters be installed (the general feeling at the meeting was against this suggestion); the need to make

residents aware if they opted for residents' parking permits there would be a fee – currently £25 per annum. A question re ongoing need for long term parking for shop staff/office workers was raised and assurance given that some roads would still have unlimited parking.

Provision of commuter parking by Network Rail and Southern: No positive developments to report. Cllr Lock is having meetings with Network Rail and this Panel are still in dialogue having identified the potential parking area initially but, as advised, a business case still has to be worked to prove investment viable. However, on the land concerned, the fly tipping has been removed as has the Network Rail stock items. The Brambles and grasses are still to be cleared.

Bridge over railway at Brodrick Road: Network Rail advised they have re-surveyed the bridge and are preparing new proposals to go to ESCC. ESCC's position remains that the proposed cage could not be bolted to the existing bridge which left the only alternative that the bridge be replaced or closed. The approx. cost of replacing is £250k. Cost of closure would mean 600+ children would have to walk down to the village, over the level crossing and up Brodrick Road. The Chair had requested the matter be investigated further. Meantime, for the safety of trains and commuters it is necessary vandalism ceases. Panel considered possibly discussing with British Transport Police times that missiles are known to be thrown at trains and consideration given to manning the bridge at these times with teachers/monitors/volunteers.

Cllr
Thompson

Signal box decorating: To be completed by Christmas as advised by Network Rail

Trimming of tree roots currently heaving the pavement outside 100 Brodrick Road: EBC Highways had advised it was still on the 'to do' list. The Chairman had written on behalf of the panel suggesting with dark evenings, etc., and 7 months having passed perhaps this could be expedited and received confirmation that it was now tasked for immediate action.

Drainage in vicinity of Hydneye roundabout: EBC Highways have undertaken some remedial works as has been reported and await a report on sewer capacity from Southern Water.

Christmas Lighting for the Village: Following the last panel meeting and the proposal from Brian re Christmas Lights, the first meeting of the Steering Group had been attended by our MP who offered the first donation for the collection. Sandy had contacted local companies that same evening and received promises of almost £4,000. Our Councillors had already indicated they would donate £1,000 from their Devolved Ward Grant so we are delighted to announce that Christmas will come to Hampden Park Village. Enquiries are in hand re supply, costings, power, installation, potential carol singing, street entertainment. It was hoped the lights would be installed the first weekend in December. A poster was distributed for shop keepers to display and it was planned that a programme of events would be produced naming all those businesses who had contributed. The panel congratulated all concerned.

Outcome of 'Operation Cruella': EBC Community Enforcement Officer Emma Jordan reported that plain clothes officers spent 3 days in Hampden Park together with volunteers from the Friends of Hampden Park, Sovereign Saints Football Club and a Councillor. No-one observed failing to scoop. Time also spent in Tugwell Park, speaking to dog owners. The evenings had proved very dark so it was confirmed the operation will be repeated in the summer.

Report from Eastbourne Access Group meeting: Apologies, Robert had sent apologies.

Robert
Cooper

ESCC land at rear of Binsted Close – youths climbing on buildings, overhanging trees, etc: This question had been raised by our Neighbourhood Panel representatives with Stephen Lloyd and they advised that ownership of this building/land still needs to be established. County Councillor Mike Thompson will report this.

Cllr
Thompson

4. Correspondence

As requested, the Chair again highlighted information on the Street Learning project which takes place this month. Everyone had had a copy of the poster attached to the Agenda. All are requested please to promote the event by putting the poster in shops/on notice boards/fence or gate posts/etc.

5. Deputy Chairman's Report

Keith Fillery advised that the Tugwell Park play area gates are now installed. However more prominent signs re '*no dogs in the play area*' need to be installed. Currently there is only one small sign on the main gate.

Emma
Sue Criddle

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Regarding the no cold calling zone proposal, Keith advised that Trading Standards had been invited to advise us how best to progress this proposal. It was suggested that residents in the proposed area receive more information and an opportunity to opt-out of the scheme. Sgt Munro volunteered to help with printing – Keith to send a template. Sgt Munro also proposed to put together a JAG bid to cover the cost of signage once the results of the survey have been received. Chris Hanford offered display space in the Library for the cold calling info. Keith to liaise re literature.

Keith
Fiona
Chris

6. Councillors’ Reports on items brought forward from previous meetings:

Tugwell Park rubbish: The debris had been cleared but the Councillors were advised that the operative had been observed pushing the litter into the bin to the extent it left no further capacity. Councillors were asked to discuss this with the officer leading this department and ascertain why the cleaner couldn’t just remove it?

Councillors

Street sweeping follow up on question raised at last meeting: Cllr Woodall reported that there was regular sweeping but not as often as had been done in the past. This was an area of the budget cut last year, the operative had limited time and multiple areas to cover plus the mechanical sweeper was impeded by parked cars. Keith highlighted the quality of the street sweeping, which had already been raised with EBC, and felt that closer monitoring of the work undertaken was required. The Chairman requested Councillors to follow through this request with the Departmental Head. The Councillors felt the job was being done well but would carry this concern forward.

Councillors

New use for Old Rifle Range area: Apologies previously noted from Cllr Thompson. Subject carried forward to next meeting.

Cllr
Thompson

Orienteering signs: Cllr Pooley had agreed to follow this up from a previous meeting but had not had an opportunity as yet. She expressed some concern over potential vandalism and budgetary constraint but it was noted that only a few of the signs had been vandalised and Parks and Gardens Dept. had confirmed already the missing ones would be replaced this financial year. Cllr Pooley to follow up.

Cllr Pooley

Benches for Queens Parade and outside Post Office: No progress on these proposals as yet but Councillors are consulting with Eastbourne Homes re the possibility of providing these.

Councillors

Condition of benches outside the public toilets near the level crossing: Proposal now from Councillors was that this could be a suitable task for the Community Pay Back Team. Councillors to follow up and report to next meeting.

Councillors

7. Police Report

Sgt Munro presented a full report to the Panel which will accompany the meeting notes. The Quality Streets initiative, lately held in The Hydneye, was discussed. Only 6 residents over a period of 5 hours took the opportunity to meet with the various agencies present: Housing, Councillors, Fire Brigade, Neighbourhood Watch etc. As there had been such a low response the team undertook a survey of eighteen residences in the road which generated mixed results. This information is now with David Kemp, Crime Reduction Partnership, and will be disseminated in due course. Sgt Munro felt that if the approach could be personalised to individual roads, and a longer lead time given to plan with invited agencies. It was felt there was potential and merit in the Quality Street initiative. Fr. Robin offered the use of St Mary’s or St Peter’s Hall to facilitate future events. Many thanks.

CPSO Williams reported back on a street meeting with residents in Attfield Walk. Low attendance again unfortunately so the team optimised feedback by going door-to-door to discuss specific, localised issues. The Landlord of a problem property has been invited in for a discussion at the Police Station to discuss a problem tenant and the question of the possibility of a Closure Order. It is hoped matters will change regarding this tenant’s anti-social behaviour.

Sgt Munro informed the meeting that after a town-wide reshuffle, PCSO Sue Robinson is to be reassigned temporarily to the town centre but that Lee Osborne has returned from a period in Old Town. The Panel thanked Sue very warmly for her contribution to the Hampden Park community and the Chairman extended this to all officers, praising the significant improvement in policing in the park & village.

Regarding the speeding in Brodrick Road that had been reported, Sgt Munro’s feedback was that the risk assessment limited the checks Officers could undertake. A resident felt calming measures were ineffective and Cllr Pooley also raised parking issues around the churches in this road. CPSOs Williams & Osborne had looked at the issue on a Sunday when cars were parked on both sides of the road, but found they were all parked legally.

8. Neighbourhood Watch Report

The Presentation at Community Wise on 12th October had been very well attended, with over 40 present. Eleven asked for further details about NHW and their details have been passed on to the Ward Co-ordinators in their part of town. The Presentation at the Venton Centre on 18th October generated interest too and enquiries are being followed up. On the 30th Oct there was a NHW stand at Brodrick Rd Community Centre on the Open Day of HP & WT Eastbourne Homes Area Panel – several enquiries generated. It was reported that there are five new members in Elm Grove and a Street Co-ord. is to be set up alongside increasing street members. Much positive feedback had been received on the new-look newsletter and enquiries received from 5 new potential advertisers - four have been taken up. Thanks to the newsletter again, the team has been booked for another NW Presentation in September 2011 for the Rotarians Ladies Club.

Shop Watch

With the opening of the new Tesco store, (categorised as a 'critical high risk store'), Sgt Munro has spoken with Retail Crime Officer and with CPSOs Williams & Osborne and they will look to promote Shop Watch among the traders in the village. There is a new scheme which attracts a lower financial outlay than previously. The Chairman advised it was hoped a local traders retail association will hopefully be formed in the new year and this could be promoted through them.

Rail Watch:

Unfortunately Denise Hamilton-Harris of BTP was not able to be present but an email had been received advising that there has been one incident reported of a shopping trolley being thrown onto the tracks at the Station (this was recovered by signal staff) and two incidents of cycle theft from the station. Discussion took place as to how this mindless vandalism and criminal intent could be addressed.

9. Youth projects:

Nothing further to report at present regarding the proposed facility at the Rugby Club. This will not now be implemented until 2011. Everol was not present to advise regarding the BMX track that had been discussed at length for the last couple of years. It is hoped to bring these issues to the fore in 2011 as it has remained one of our top priorities since the panel commenced.

10. Chairman's Report on recent District meeting of Panel Chairmen:

A presentation was given by Peter Finnis of EBC on priority activities & spending choices for the town and those present were asked to complete a survey. Jayne Dando also spoke and emphasised: the value placed on the work of Neighbourhood Panels and the commitment to the Neighbourhood Policing model, the town wide focus on anti-social behaviour with greater focus to be given to the victim, the success of Operation Blitz, the demands of a constrained policing budget – exploring the same for less. It is proposed that the savings will not be visible from the public but, naturally, all aspects are under review. It is proposed the police work closer with EBC and jointly plan to set up three model Panels to be piloted in Willingdon Trees, Old Town and Devonshire Wards. This will not affect the running of existing panels. The reason given was to ensure that Panels achieve greater accountability from EBC officers and Councillors. Discussion highlighted the need to raise awareness of the existence of panels amongst the general public

Hampden Park Panel's top priorities:

With Dog fouling felt to be under control, these were revisited at some length and retained as:

- 1 Youth facilities
- 2 Anti Social Behaviour
- 3 Parking & Traffic Flow

4 Urgent action point – footbridge from Brodrick Road

Any Other Business:

- **Protection of open green areas in the area:** Cllr Pooley shared news re the Queen Elizabeth Challenge, a new programme to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The aim is creating a branded network of permanently protected outdoor spaces in communities across the UK by 2012 to be called "The Queen Elizabeth II Fields." These open spaces would have planning protection similar to village green status. Fields need to be nominated by the end of 2010 and there will be a public vote in 2011. Criteria: open space, small informal open space, parks, children's play areas, wildlife areas, nature trails, woodland, bike trails & playing fields. Cllr Pooley had put forward: Tugwell Park, the playing fields in Hampden Park & Holly Park. There followed discussion on the merit of a much wider list of open spaces including the school fields at Hydneye and Parkway and most particularly Elm Grove field. Cllr Pooley advised she had

submitted her proposals, as time was now short, but the Panel requested following this discussion that she amend her list of proposals to include those above.

- **New project to combat anti-social behaviour:** Emma Jordan, Community Enforcement Officer, reported on an anti-social behaviour & cyber bullying project being undertaken at Ratton School. As part of this programme, students prepare a presentation on the issues and it was suggested they when the project is complete the children could present this to the Neighbourhood Panel. This was welcomed by the Chair. Advice awaited
- **Remembrance Service:** Fr Robin Tree thanked everyone who had attended the Remembrance Service at the War memorial in the Park despite the extreme weather conditions. Planning already begun for next year and the bugler already confirmed. Diary note for 2011 11th November at the memorial in the park at 10.40am for 11o'clock service.
- **Cycle thefts:** Carol Humphris reported her concern regarding the cycles having been stolen at the railway station and confirmed new improved storage racks had been ordered. She is still chasing the promised signage to the Park and would pass the information on to her successor. Carol was thanked again for her and her Father's contributions to the work of this panel.
- **Hydneye Roundabout flooding;** Lyn de Swarte raised the question of flooding at The Sydneye. The Chairman referred the meeting to Mr Stevens, Highway Officer at EBC, and the report given under matters arising.
- **Panel dates:** The question of Willingdon Trees panel meetings falling on the same day as these meeting was discussed and arrangements made to ensure they don't clash in future.
- The Chair reported that the majority of schools in Hampden Park had brought children to the park to plant a new bluebell dell. Parkland Junior had to be cancelled due to extreme adverse weather conditions but the Chair visited the school to speak about the work of the Friends of Hampden Park and the school are to raise funds for the pond restoration through a cake sale.

Emma

Dates of next meetings confirmed following discussions with Willingdon Trees:

Tuesday 18th January
 Tuesday 1st March
 Tuesday 5th April
 Tuesday 17th May
 Tuesday 28th June
 Tuesday 9th August
 Tuesday 27th September
 Tuesday 8th November

all 10am at the Railway Club.

2011 Diary:

Please ensure these date are in your new diaries when you receive them so that we have full representation at all Neighbourhood Panel meetings in 2011.

All

Future agenda items:

If there are any other points members feel they would like discussed at future meetings please email hamchairman@eastbournenp.org so that they can be included in the Agenda.

Thanks to our hosts:

The Chairman thanked our hosts once again for their hospitality, for the use of the room and the coffee provided.

As there was not to be another meeting this year the Chairman wished all at the meeting a very Happy Christmas and New Year and looked forward to seeing them all on January 18th.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.30am.

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